



FEEDLINE



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The C A R C meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM.
NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 16th at the Emergency Preparedness Center.

WHAT'S NEW

In this issue, you will find a list of CARC members as of March 1. If you do not see your buddies call on the list, encourage him or her to join up to enjoy the fellowship and help support the club repeater.

You will also find the Policies and Procedures for the 8th area QSL Bureau. Last month, we gave you the new address and it is repeated in this issue. Leo W Fry K8PYD is the Manager of the QSL Bureau and has a group of at least 25 fellow hams to help sort out the cards and get them on their way to you. By following these rules and procedures, you will help yourself and the members of the QSL Bureau by making it easier to get the cards on their way.

There has been a change in the Friday noon luncheon meeting place. The fellows that work downtown in Canton and the hams that happen to be in Canton, will still meet and eat in the YMCA Cafeteria. Due to the parking problem that has gotten worse, from the feud between the police union and the administrators, the parking meters had been ignored and those that worked downtown, parked their cars on the streets all day & there were no empty spaces to be found. With the new patrol walking the beat, the parking should improve. However, many of the frustrated Friday luncheon participants have started another group and they are now eating and enjoying the comraderie of the others, at Walkers Restaurant on the hill by the Hampton Inn east of Belden Village. Plenty of free parking and good food along with the best of fellow hams to have an eyeball with, is being enjoyed by this group. JOIN US, we would like to have you or drop in on the group at the YMCA.

Saturday breakfast is still at the Country Manor in Belden Village.

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING

The February CARC meeting began at 7:31 PM with a round of introduction by 47 members and guests present and our President Myron N8DHT presiding.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Stan reported that our club now has \$2254.57 in checking, \$325.13 in savings and our CD is currently worth \$2118.32 for a total of \$4698.02. Our membership roster now numbers 204. He also gave a more detailed break-down and passed around sheets showing our expenditures and income. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report, as read, made by Shirley K8MZT, seconded by John K8LBZ and approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Frank KE8G read the correspondence received concerning the Orlando Hamcation in March and the Lake County Hamfest on March 27th. We also received the Annual Report Form from ARRL. A pitch was also made to renew your ARRL membership through Stan our Treasurer. For each ARRL member renewing this way, CARC gets \$2 from everyone. If you are joining for the first time or it's been 5 years (or more) since you've been a League member, CARC gets to keep \$5 of your ARRL dues. It helps our club treasury and doesn't cost you anymore plus part of your ARRL dues helps your local radio club. Just send Stan your ARRL renewal form and envelope with a check made payable to CARC and he'll take care of the rest. We still have many members (CARC members) who have not paid their club dues for the current year. Those who renew, will be given a "bonus" of a brand-new Stark County Directory listing about 900 area hams.

PACKET REPORT - Ken W8EK, our Packet Chairman, reported things that have come up recently with the OhioNet concept and thanked Hershel KA8YMU for last month's fine demonstration. The OhioNet concept is to link the entire state on 220 Mhz. The southern part of Ohio is linked-up in the Dayton/Cincinnati area but in the Canton area, we have no digipeater. We have a local link with Tom KA8Z but a digipeater is still needed. Myron stated that this will be discussed at the next Executive Board meeting on March 14th.

DAYTON BUS TRIP - Bill WD8LFM explained that he is planning to charter a bus for the Dayton Hamvention, if there are enough interested. He has to be notified as soon as possible, in order to make arrangements with Fidelity in Massillon, to charter a bus. The cost will be about \$32 per person. Please contact Bill so that he will know if there are enough planning to go to Dayton on the bus to make this feasible.

HOTEL ROOMS IN DAYTON - Myron N8DHT received a letter from a downtown Dayton hotel that rooms were available for \$55 for a double room or \$27.50 per person and asked those at the meeting to see him as soon as possible if interested in staying overnight or longer, in Dayton during Hamvention weekend. Myron also recommends leaving your hub caps at home if you park in the city parking garage instead of the one at the hotel. See Myron also for any additional theft-prevention tips, Hi. Myron also commented on how well-organized and planned-out the Mansfield Hamfest was.

RAFFLE FOR '88 - At the November Executive Board meeting, it was decided to have a raffle as our present fund-raiser until the Hamfest possibility can be re-examined in the future.

W8EK'S REPORT - 1- The ARRL's 5-Band DXCC Award is being refined to where endorsements will be available for 160M and VHF. 2- Novice Enhancement is working to some degree. 3- Ken also told of recent petitions before the FCC. 4- It is rumored that Uniden Corporation is plan-

ning to enter the Ham market by introducing a 10M SSB/CW transceiver that will be sold at truck stops only. And 25W and 100W models to boot. (Heaven help 10 meters if this is true). 5- The 610 form that has the instructions may be wrong says Ken. It states you have a 2-year grace period in which to renew your license. This is only true if you have one of the new 10-year licenses. If you presently hold a 5-year license you have up to 5 years to renew but after 2 years you will be issued a new call letters. 6- Ken urged everyone to keep abreast of the 220 "takeaway" situation by reading all articles in QST about the subject. Seems everyone and their brother are interested in relieving us of some of these frequencies for commercial gain.

50-50 DRAWING - Hershel KA8YMU won the \$18.50. Congrats Hershel.

8:27 PM - Meeting adjourned to the kitchen for refreshments and eyeball QSO's.

Minutes recorded & prepared by Frank KE8G SECTY

PROGRAM FOR MARCH

The program that has been lined up for the March meeting will be about "Lifeline" a personal emergency response system that helps elderly, handicapped and disabled persons to live independently in their own homes by providing them with immediate access to help - anytime day or night. By pressing a button, help will be summoned to find out what is wrong. Also, reset a timer every 12 or 24 hours, depending on the time set, failure to reset the timer will begin the emergency procedure.

EXAM SESSION RESULTS

Our VE Coordinator Dick Stellarini WB8VUN reports another successful and fruitful License Exam Session has been completed. On Saturday February 28th, 33 fellows and gals showed up to take a test to upgrade or become an Amateur Radio Operator for the first time.

Of the 33, that took the exam, 19 were successful for a pass rate of 57%. We now have in our area one new Extra Class, one new Advanced Class, five new General Class, ten new Technician Class and two new Novice Class Amateurs.

Locally in Stark County, Bill Johnstone KE8OA, ex-N8IGC, ex-KA8ZQF has passed his Extra Class exam. He first became licensed about two years ago and just kept going up the ladder.

The other Stark County Amateur, had moved out to California for a short time and after returning to Stark County, decided to upgrade to Technician Class from the Novice ranks and was successful. He is Ron Hendershot KA8FTP and is residing in Canton.

Our congratulations to the successful and good luck the next time to those that just did not make it this time.

Upcoming test sessions in the tri-county area are scheduled for March 12 in Ravenna, March 26 in Barberton, April 23rd in Goodyear and back in Stark County on May 28th.

Novice Class will start on Thursday March 10 at the Senior Center in Massillon, sponsored by the Massillon ARC. Help spread the word.

Technician/General Theory Classes will also be offered if there is enough interest shown.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES - 8th AREA ARRL QSL BUREAU

1. Self-addressed, stamped manila envelopes (5x7½) with your call in the upper left corner are to be sent to:
8th AREA QSL BUREAU
P.O. BOX 182165
COLUMBUS, OHIO 43218-2165
2. Miniskirts are great - but not mini-envelopes. If you really want 8 cards stuffed into that little 4x6" or smaller envelope we will endeavor to do so but will not guarantee good condition of the cards!
PLEASE USE 5x7½" to 6½x9½" - NO SMALLER - NO LARGER
3. Include your call letters with your return address on all letters you send to the bureau.
4. If you have two calls, i.e. W8AA for a new call and W8XYZ for an old one, keep two envelopes on file - one for each callsign.
5. If you are operating portable keep an envelope on file at the "home" bureau. None is required at the "portable" bureau. K8PYD/3 only requires an envelope at the 8th area bureau.
6. ONLY ONE CALL TO AN ENVELOPE. The individual who handles W8AA does not handle W8XYZ. Any envelope we get like this will be filed only under one callsign and the other crossed out.
7. Envelopes which are received with no call on them will be returned QSLs have only calls on them.
8. You control the rate at which you receive cards by the rate at which you work DX and the postage on your envelope. You will receive 6 to 8 cards for each 22¢ of postage. We endeavor to avoid sending out "postage due".
9. Two envelopes with 22¢ of postage are preferred to one envelope with 39¢ of postage.
10. Your last envelope will be marked "LAST ENVELOPE AT BUREAU".
11. Cards which are not claimed 90 days after date of receipt at the bureau will be destroyed.
12. If you do not want your cards please notify the bureau in writing.
13. Inquiries to the bureau should be in writing, they will be answered by the bureau manager.
14. All cards and SASE's are presorted to subgroups by the first letter of your callsign suffix. i.e. K8PYD goes to the "P" subgroup.
15. When writing the bureau please enclose an SASE if you expect a reply.
16. Do not telephone the bureau at the above address to inquire as to the status of your cards. The bureau address is a receiving point only. One of our letter managers has your cards/envelopes at his home.
17. Please do not send loose postage. It can easily get lost. EXCEPTION - to reimburse letter manager for postage from his pocket to notify you of cards on hand at the bureau.
18. We do not handle USA to USA cards except from bonafide QSL managers of DX stations.
19. We do not handle outgoing cards to foreign countries. Refer to various advertisements in Amateur publications or contact the ARRL for members only service.
20. If everyone follows these procedures, we can continue to provide timely, efficient service for your incoming cards: Please help us by doing so.

THANK YOU,

LEO W FRY K8PYD
8th District QSL Bureau Manager